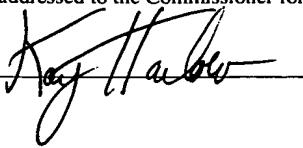


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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))
(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
Miguel A. Saldana and Damon Vincent Williams

For: METHODS FOR ALIGNING A SURFACE OF AN ACTIVE RETAINER RING WITH A WAFER SURFACE FOR CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING

This application is a Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part

of prior Application No.: 09/823,169, from which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.

Application Elements:

33 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
 16 Sheets of formal Drawings
 02 Declaration

Newly executed (original or copy)
 Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).
The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
 Power of Attorney
 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
 Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

(Revised 10/03, Pat App Trans 53(b) ContDivCIP)

Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior application.*)

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Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

Priority of _____ Application No. _____ filed on _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No. _____

The certified copy will follow.

Extension of Time for Prior Pending Application

A Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed in the prior pending application. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

Amendments

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This is a

Continuation Continuation-in-part Divisional application of copending prior

Application No. _____ filed on _____,

International Application _____ filed on _____ which designated the United States, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference."

Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (*At least one original independent claim must be retained.*)

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

	(Col. 1) <u>NO. FILED</u>	(Col. 2) <u>NO. EXTRA</u>	<u>SMALL ENTITY</u>	OR	<u>LARGE ENTITY</u>		
			<u>RATE</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>Fee</u>	
BASIC FEE			\$385	\$	OR	\$770	\$770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	12	-20 = 00	x09 =	\$	OR	x18 =	\$
INDEP CLAIMS	04	-03 = 01	x43 =	\$	OR	x86 =	\$ 86.00
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			\$145 =	\$	OR	\$290 =	\$
* If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2.			Total	\$	OR	Total	\$856.00

Check No. 09921 in the amount of \$856.00 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P243D).

Request for Small Entity Status



Applicant is entitled to small entity status.

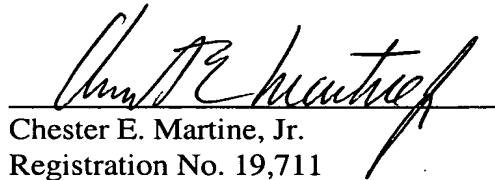
General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P243D).

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